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In re Application of:

Terry Clark, et al.

Serial No.: 09/787,945 Filed: June 26, 2001

DECISION SUA SPONTE WITHDRAWING HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

For: HEARING AID ADAPTED FOR DISCRETE:

OPERATION

This is a decision, sua sponte, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A non-final Office action was mailed on August 25, 2004 setting a shortened statutory period for filing a reply. No response to the non-final Office action was received. Abandonment has not been mailed.

A review of the file record indicates that the non-final Office was returned to the Office as undeliverable. The correspondence address on the non-final Office mailed on August 25, 2004 matches the address of record. Thus, there was obviously an irregularity in mailing of the Office action.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment has been filed, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

Any inconvenience to the applicant is regretted.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center's technical support staff for remailing the non-final Office action and restarting the time period for response.

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